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Mary Jane is a Dominican nun, until recently working as a legal advocate in "Third World" Appalachia; Margie is widely respected in Atlanta for her skills as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor; Kathryn, now an ordained Presbyterian minister, was once an Atlanta police officer. All three are newcomers to the staff of AID Atlanta. Find out more about them on Page 3.

The Names Project AIDS memorial quilt, which has been compared to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in its scope and impact, will be on display at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta on Sunday, May 29, and Monday, May 30. Its exhibition here coincides with the Memorial Day observance of a national AIDS vigil and a traditional AIDS candlelight service in Atlanta.

Displayed for the first time on the Mall during the National March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights in October 1987, the quilt is composed of thousands of individual 3-by-6-foot panels, each capturing the unique personality of one of the tens of thousands of Americans who have already lost their lives in the AIDS epidemic. Atlanta is the eleventh stop on the quilt's 25-city national tour.

A total of 1,920 panels were displayed in Washington; they covered the equivalent of three-and-a-half football fields. Organizers estimate they have collected 5,000 panels to date and anticipate having twice that number by October of this year, the first anniversary of the quilt's unfurling. Made largely by friends, lovers, parents or brothers and sisters of those who have died, the panels often incorporate items of clothing, personal belongings, or symbolic representations of the lives and interests of those who have died.

Among the names on the quilt is that of Ralph Ginn, a 27-year-old Atlantan and former editor of the *Journal of AID Atlanta*, who died in July 1987.

Admission to the exhibition of the quilt will be free. "We wanted to make sure anyone who wanted to see it would be able to do so," says Ken Kimsey, director of development for AID Atlanta. Kimsey said he would be seeking support from major Atlanta corporations to pay the estimated \$16,000 cost of displaying the quilt at the World Congress Center, and contributions also will be accepted from individuals who view it. Any funds raised in excess of costs will be used to support services to AIDS patients in Atlanta and throughout the state. A four-day showing of the quilt at San Francisco's Moscone Center raised \$85,000 to support services for people affected by AIDS.

The idea for the quilt originated with Cleve Jones, a San Franciscan who lost many friends, including his companion of 14 years, to the disease. Jones is now executive director of The Names Project.

"For many Americans, the AIDS epidemic has become the tragedy of our generation, profoundly affecting every aspect of our lives," Jones said. "As a nation we have struggled not only against a disease, but also against the equally destructive enemies of ignorance, hysteria, and bigotry."

"At times it seemed we lacked the national will to conquer AIDS, and many of us despaired. This quilt is a gift from the hands and hearts of thousands of Americans who have not despaired. It stands as a statement of hope and remembrance, a symbol of national unity and a promise of love."

For additional information about activities surrounding the Atlanta appearance of the quilt, including a sewing workshop for those who wish to create a panel, and training sessions for volunteers who want to help unfurl and display the quilt, write to AID Atlanta, 1132 W. Peachtree St. N.W., Suite 112, Atlanta, GA 30309, or call (404) 827-9678 or (404) 872-0600.

-by Andrew Beierle

Our real wealth is people

The volunteers of AID Atlanta are essential to the agency's operation. Without them, AID Atlanta could not provide the many services it offers to people from all walks of life throughout the Southeast.

If the agency was fortunate enough to receive huge government grants to fund the work which must be done, the job might be easier. Such funds could be used to hire people experienced in counseling, in-home nursing care, education, pastoral care, meal preparation and the many other essential services demanded by the AIDS epidemic. Government grants, though, have been few and far between. AID Atlanta, for the most part, has had to rely upon individual donations and fundraising efforts to support the work it does.

Were it not for volunteers, that work would not be done. For some PWAs, AID Atlanta has been the only resource available to assist them in their fight against the deadly HIV virus.

Among the few positive aspects of the AIDS epidemic are the volunteers of AID Atlanta. It is truly amazing to realize that nearly 400 people are providing thoroughly professional care and assistance to PWAs as part of an overall program which is recognized as a model for similar agencies throughout the United States. Some of the volunteers are using skills they developed in their careers. Many, though, are performing jobs they had never done before joining AID Atlanta. Through the training programs offered, they have developed necessary skills.

Some people are performing work they believed they could not do before they became involved and saw the need, often progressing through a variety of agency jobs. Many perform a staggering amount of work, perhaps spending as many hours as they put in at their paid jobs.

Some of the work is tedious, some of it is fun, all of it is rewarding. Office support volunteers, for example, make thousands of copies of informational materials, stuff and address envelopes and perform the thousand-and-one other duties any busy office demands. They are among the most difficult volunteers to find because of the daytime hours. Too, the job can hardly be called glamorous! There is a good chance you are reading *The JOURNAL*, however, only because a volunteer cared enough to take the time to fold it, stuff it, address it and mail it to you!

Some volunteers staff the Information Line, providing information and answers to tens of thousands of callers throughout the Southeast. For those desiring to provide more direct assistance to PWAs, there are opportunities to serve as a buddy, a member of one of the practical support teams or even to deliver free meals to PWAs five days a week.

The practical support program is one of the agency's newer programs. Each team member completes a Red Cross course in home nursing which has been adapted for AIDS. Candidates are trained by certified instructors, themselves volunteers, and receive certification from the Red Cross upon course completion.

Serving in teams of about eight people, the group provides home care to PWAs. That care varies by person. It can include companionship, changing sheets, bed baths, light housekeeping and myriad other duties. Unlike buddies, who are often assigned shortly after diagnosis, the practical support teams generally provide their services only to those persons who are acutely ill.

There are many other volunteer positions with AID Atlanta. While the agency staff tends to focus on specific social work skills, volunteers, particularly those who work directly with PWAs, serve as an on-site set of eyes and ears to serve the multiple needs of clients, day and night. There is great value in placing these compassionate people close to those in need in their home environment.

An often overlooked benefit of the large volunteer force is the circle of friends, family and coworkers of each volunteer. Such groups constitute a large circle of influence to advocate for the cause of increased funding for research and patient care, and for legislation to protect the rights of those who may be discriminated against because of the disease.

All members of the AID Atlanta family—board members, staff and volunteers—are essential to the agency's operation. It is safe to say, though, that the volunteers are the backbone of the agency.

If you are a volunteer, thank you. Feel good about the vital services you are performing. If you have not yet attended the initial training necessary to serve as a volunteer, consider embarking upon this course, which is sure to change your life in many wonderful ways. Call 872-0600 and ask about registering for the "AIDS 101" training program.

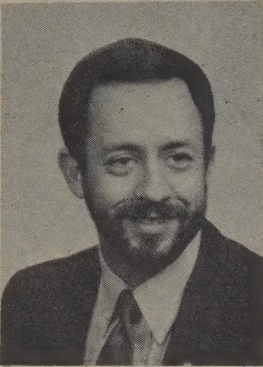
-by Roger Park

From the President

Protecting Client Privacy

Bruce Garner

Many times in social settings, a friend or acquaintance will come up to me and ask: "How is Erythmus (fake name)?" I have asked most of my friends not to ask me or any other AID Atlanta volunteer or staff member, such questions about people we both know. We cannot answer, even if we know the status. Simply to acknowledge that someone is a client of AID Atlanta would be to breach the pledge of confidentiality that we have signed. While I am sure that most inquiries as to someone's health are out of genuine concern, that does not change the fact that such information, as it relates to AID Atlanta, is, quite frankly, none of anyone else's business. For me or anyone else associated with the agency even to acknowledge that someone is one of our clients, is to state that that person has AIDS or ARC. Aside from the fact it would be a violation of our confidentiality code, it is not our place to advise anyone of someone else's health status, whether lover/spouse, friend, parent, sibling, employer, whatever. I don't even look into our caseload. That allows me to answer more truthfully when someone asks me about an individual. It



is also, quite frankly, less emotionally trying for me to know who is on our caseload – this is one of those times when ignorance is a form of bliss.

There are several issues of protocol, intended to protect the privacy of our clients, which apply to all who volunteer their services to AID Atlanta. First, and foremost, AID Atlanta clients should never be discussed by name. If it is necessary to discuss someone in a committee meeting or similar situation, it is suitable to use a pseudonym. The only time clients can properly be discussed by name is at closed meetings within the Social Services Department. It is never appropriate to discuss clients, by name or otherwise, in social settings, the office hallway, or anywhere else. Similarly, client names should not be used (without permission) in the course of educational anecdotal presentations and, certainly, clients should not be discussed with members of the news media.

A more sensitive issue arises when you consider what to do if you recognize an AID Atlanta client in a social situation. Do you even acknowledge that you know him/her? The best way to handle this situation is to plan in advance. If you are a buddy, caseworker, practical support volunteer – i.e., someone who comes into regular contact with clients – ask your client how to handle things when the two of you meet.

In other situations, play it by ear, with the client taking the lead. Acknowledge someone, but then leave it up to them to pursue further social interaction. Understand if they do not, especially if the client is with a third person, that the option must remain the client's. Regardless of the circumstances, never bring up the client's condition or the subject of AIDS. Again, let our client initiate discussion of such sensitive topics.

The bottom line when it comes to confidentiality is to protect our clients' rights. Never do or say anything that might violate a client's privacy. No one but our client has the right to determine what information he/she wants shared about him/herself.

EDITORIAL

The New Journal

The JOURNAL of AID Atlanta was begun as an archive, a bimonthly accounting of past events, for the record. Under the dedicated editorship of the late Ralph Ginn it evolved into a rather more personal document, one that, as its masthead states, "exists to explore and accurately document the truth of emotion and experience of persons affected in any way by the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome."

Alive and Aware, a handsome and well edited bimonthly publication of the new Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) now serves that purpose, and does it very well. Thus, once more, it is time for the JOURNAL

EDITORIAL

Friends make a difference

Nice things are happening lately, with people in the community offering to do very generous things on behalf of AID Atlanta.

For starters, there's the gift of all the people who supported Heartstrings: A Revival, "an evening of hope for the healing of AIDS." The Heartstrings board announced April 1 that our share of the total raised will be \$200,000 – a princely grant, and a giant share of the disposable funds, truly a gift to touch our heartstrings and those of our PWA and PWARC clients.

For months now, the advertising firm of Cole Henderson Drake has been working on a *pro bono* project – that's legalese for "no charge to us" – to produce a top quality series of public service ads that primarily target high-risk behavior among the swinging singles and the fast-lane Beautiful People.

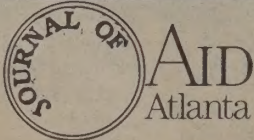
The project is producing ads for print media and for TV, with striking visuals – memorable but tasteful – and clever, often witty copy, plus identifying AID Atlanta as the place to get the facts about AIDS, and our Information Line numbers.

Key magazines and major TV channels here are eager to see the end product, and are already enthusiastic about using the ads – the agency is known for prize-winning work. Some of the series have already been shot, and we expect you'll be seeing the results before the next JOURNAL is out.

to cover new ground.

With this issue, we begin the transition to a publication of interest to a broader audience than before. We have asked for, and been given, an advisory board of media professionals accustomed to communicating with target populations whose attention – and respect – we hope to earn. In future issues we will, for example, include articles of specific interest to readers in the black community, as well as a regular column written in Spanish. We will still carry information on AIDS transmission and prevention, of course, but our editorial emphasis will be more on sharing with readers the humanity, the courage, the amazing variety both of our clients, and of the people who volunteer to work with us.

Probably we will make mistakes – growth is like that. Possibly we will do something you'll like – that, too, could happen. Either way, let us hear from you. Neither praise nor blame can serve any useful purpose until you tell us about it.



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Medical Update AIDS Drugs Symposium

In direct response to growing public use of and interest in experimental AIDS drugs, Atlanta physician Dr. James Braude led a public symposium on March 23 at Crawford Long Hospital, outlining alternative treatments for HIV. Joining Dr. Braude before an overflow audience were Dr. Barry Gingell, medical information director for the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City, and Michael Callen, a long-term AIDS survivor and author of *Surviving and Thriving with AIDS*.

Dr. Braude began the discussion by acknowledging that he and his Atlanta colleagues were behind their counterparts in New York and San Francisco in publicly addressing experimental and alternative AIDS drugs. Panelists wished to characterize the evening as "information sharing," suggesting that those affected read everything they can about HIV in order to make educated decisions for themselves about their health, in conjunction with their physicians. Panelists agreed that "there are too many choices, not enough answers," and agreed that a necessary pre-condition for survival is hope.

But panelists also warned that patients must sometimes educate their physicians themselves, acknowledging a frequent complaint among persons with AIDS and ARC that physicians aren't always aware of the most up-to-date information on treatment. AIDS survivor Michael Callen said that persons should not be afraid to change doctors when they believe their needs are not being met.

Among the drugs discussed for their pros and cons were AZT, Ampligen, DDC, Ribavirin, Antabuse, Immuthiol, Dextran Sulfate, AL 721, DNCB, Naltrexone, Aerosol Pentamidine, and many others.

To learn more about these drugs, write to the Gay Men's Health Crisis, Dept. of Medical Information, Box 273, 132 West 24th St., New York, New York 10011.

Briefly Noted

A report in the November 11 *New England Journal of Medicine* suggests a hormone produced by the body in response to stress might explain how depression and other emotions apparently increase susceptibility to illness.

Laboratory tests by researchers at the University of Texas at Galveston indicate the hormone, called ACTH, might inhibit white blood cells from producing antibodies or proteins needed for the immune system to respond to infection. The finding represents a growing belief held by some researchers that a mechanism for communication exists between the brain and the immune system.

The premier issue of *Treatment News*, a newsletter of experimental AIDS therapies published by New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis, suggests vaccinations for pneumococcal pneumonia and influenza deserve serious consideration from PWAs and their physicians. Dr. John LaMontagne, Influenza Program Officer of The National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, reports, "It appears from the studies done by the NIAID, primarily by the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study investigators, that vaccination is useful..."

A new study using Immuthiol (DTC) will be conducted at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. Although the study will be placebo-controlled, participants will be allowed to use AZT and drugs for PCP prophylaxis, unlike the current nationwide Ampligen study, which does not permit even AZT as the control (and has been condemned as inhumane by many for this reason). DTC is believed to influence the maturation of T-Cells, key sentries of the immune system. After slow clinical response, DTC has caused increases in T4 cells in some persons with ARC.

Some researchers believe that Antabuse, a prescription drug used to treat alcoholism and a close relative of DTC, might produce the same benefits as DTC. Information on Antabuse and other AIDS drugs can be obtained from Project Inform in San Francisco (1-800-822-7422). More on DTC in the future.

- by Terry Francis

Three Women...Three Paths... One Goal



Mary Jane Lubinski

"No day is predictable," says Mary Jane Lubinski, with a smile that gives the impression she likes it that way. In practicing the fostering skills of a case manager at AID Atlanta, she talks with PWAs, both those who have found their own way to the agency and those referred by hospitals, physicians, or health agencies, and clears paths to the available services they need. She advises their relatives and friends. She visits several hospitals and patients' homes, as well as other agencies. She investigates the potentials for disability benefits for patients. She tackles housing problems, responds to concerns of buddy captains, opens conduits to agencies in other states where PWAs formerly resided, even deals with patients' eating and laundry arrangements.

Then, talking of potentials for rectifying job discrimination against PWAs or PWARCs, she shows even more enthusiasm. She displays her new copy of the Department of Labor's hefty book of regulations. "They'll be surprised at how I can understand these," she promises.

Her assertiveness in such matters was strengthened during her paralegal work in the Virginia sector of "third world" Appalachia. She and three Sister-colleagues had first to build acceptance by a culture dubious of a female mission with only one goal - to help people. Mary Jane volunteered to help juveniles in trouble with the law to find constructive lifestyles. Later the Client-Centered Legal Services of Southwest Virginia Inc., an agency offering help with welfare rights, food stamps, aid for dependent children, Medicare and Medicaid, and veterans' benefits, social security and disability benefits, became her employer.

She badgered officials about SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and disability benefits for those who had lacked opportunity to qualify for social security benefits. For several years this busy schedule satisfied her appetite for meaningful, helpful work. But the underlying problem - the economic plight of the region - obviously demanded additional, more sweeping solutions beyond her powers, and she decided to find another challenge befitting her talents.

Drawn to serving those caught in the AIDS epidemic, and tutoring herself in the complex picture of related needs, she sent out numerous letters to concerned agencies. Interviews ensued, offers came. She chose AID Atlanta because she sensed that it provides scope for extending services along increasingly crucial lines.

"I'm glad to be back in an urban area," she says. This feeling may be partly relief from Appalachia but probably more the influence of her origins in metropolitan Detroit, where her devout German-Polish parents raised their children in a socially-oriented Catholic tradition. An uninterrupted commitment to social service began in 1966 when she joined a Dominican order by entering its congregation of 1,400 nuns and sisters at Adrian,

Michigan.

"With them I did several kinds of work in various locations across the country, like teaching primary grades in Ohio and California, and faith development in all its aspects - spiritual, psychological, physical - at pre-school through adult levels, in Phoenix." Later she acquired an M.A. degree at the University of San Francisco.

Coming from such a churchly background, was there not some question about her going with an agency where clients are largely drug- and gay-oriented?

"As a matter of course I consulted my superior about my choice, and she was completely in favor of my coming to AID Atlanta."

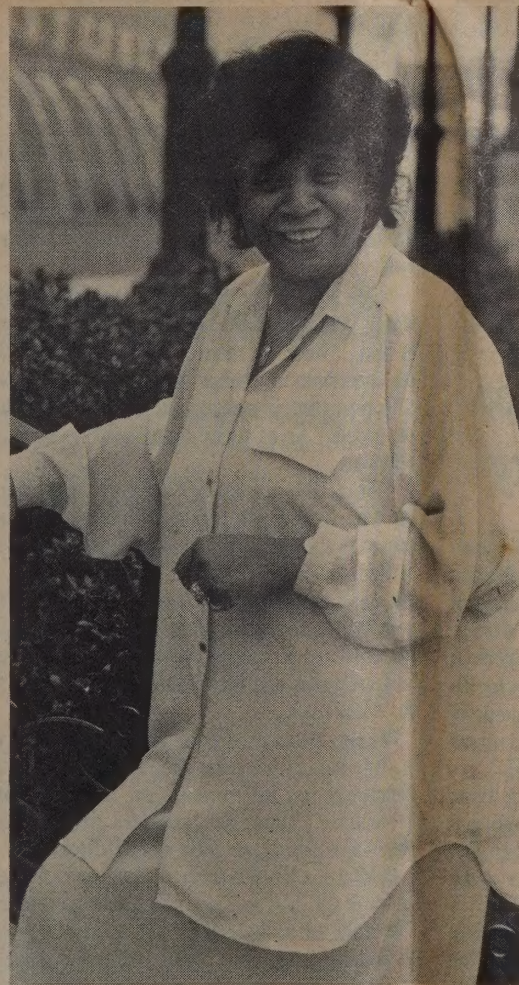
"Pro-life to me means *all* life," she added. Then she used a familiar Christian metaphor: "We, as the body of Christ, need healing. I believe that I should try to stick close to my idea of how Christ might work if he lived here in Atlanta today."

Her sure tone and steady blue eyes leave no doubt of her sincerity. She describes her life as a spiral through challenges of ascending complexity - "and I wouldn't change anything in it," is her affirmation.

Such a direct, clear conclusion, far ahead of New Age, resonantly suggests that Sister Mary Jane has strength of character behind her capabilities that AID Atlanta's clients will find sustaining.

-by Hall Winslow

Margie Gay-Peterson



Margie Gay-Peterson never stopped dealing with people long enough to get herself a university degree. For 20 years she has been gaining knowledge and experience working in community service organizations, achieving on the job the credentials that landed her the position of associate director of education for minority concerns with AID Atlanta.

In the beginning, she bootstrapped her way into social services through Economic Opportunity Atlanta. It wasn't long before her obvious aptitude and ability to relate well with others landed her a job as a psychometrist at Emory Alcohol Program,

where she both administered and scored psychological tests of program participants and compiled statistical data for research use.

From there she moved on to bigger challenges at HealthSouth Community Health Center. Over the next 13 years, she covered a lot of different bases there. Starting as a day hospital associate, she soon became the coordinator of a satellite center. Later, she was named acting director of a full-scale mental health unit, eventually becoming a methadone counselor with a personal caseload of 30 clients.

In 1981, she went to Georgia Regional Hospital at Atlanta, as senior human services technician with the Alcohol and Drug Unit. Four years later she was alcohol and drug counselor at the Department of Human Resources Midtown/Synthesis West Treatment Center (recently renamed Atlanta West Treatment Center). She resigned to begin her new post with AID Atlanta, starting on the job March 21 of this year.

It's a tough job, and she's beginning from scratch to develop and put into action new AIDS education projects targeted specifically to high-risk groups within Atlanta's minority communities. Fortunately, she is a seasoned public speaker as well as a familiar face to many people she has never met - they saw her on the MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour, in the segment *AIDS in the Black Community*. She is also known to group leaders, with whom she expects to be networking, through her past

consulting work at AID Atlanta, with Outreach, Inc., and with the Southern Regional Education Board. A further plus: she is past vice-president of the Statewide Minority Advocacy Group for Alcohol and Drug Prevention, for whom she coordinated two annual conferences at Jekyll Island. Margie Gay-Peterson gets around!

In private life, she is the youthful vibrant mother of three grown children, all daughters, and grandmother of five. A talented singer who loves all kinds of music, she is in demand both as a soloist and in choral performances. She likes to cook, especially for friends, loves travel, and attends Macedonia Baptist Church in southeast Atlanta.

-G.S.

Kathryn Cartledge

There may be such a person as a typical young Presbyterian minister but if there is, well, in the first place, her name isn't Kathryn.

Kathryn Cartledge, M.Div., an ordained Presbyterian minister and a member of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Presbyterian Church (USA), is also a former police officer with the City of Atlanta. She has a State of Georgia real estate license, as well as a license from the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Private Securities Agencies. She's a licensed private investigator - and she's also licensed by the Georgia State Board of Cosmetology!

The Rev. Kathryn is indeed a rare bird - and just the person to head the Department of Pastoral Services of AID Atlanta, when you add to all of the above her nine years of counseling and ministry in settings ranging from a youth hostel in Amsterdam to the Georgia Mental Health Institute. She's very strong on human interaction, and her organizational

abilities are well-honed by experience and training in pastoral, clinical care and public law enforcement.

She is responsible for responding to the expressed spiritual needs of clients and staff alike, at an agency where the line between the two is never cut and dried, and where illness and death of friends and associates is predictably part of on-the-job stress for everyone. But equally important to the work of the agency is her role as liaison with Atlanta's religious community at large, building on existing links with



congregations of all faiths, and seeking to broaden the network of volunteer assistance and institutional support that already provides an important segment of the agency's community base. The fact that she is "home-grown" Atlantan is to her advantage in this aspect of her work. An affiliate member of Clifton Presbyterian Church, she earned her B.S. degree in criminal justice at Georgia State before getting her M. Div. degree at Columbia Theological Seminary. She had earlier attended Clayton Junior College in Atlanta, earning an Associate of Arts degree.

As a chaplain intern, she acquired experience in alcohol and drug treatment programs at DeKalb Addiction Center before serving as patient coordinator for an alcohol and drug unit, also counseling AIDS patients, performing crisis intervention, and leading worship services for an entire hospital population. She completed an advanced clinical pastoral education program at Georgia Mental Health Institute in 1987. Earlier, while performing supervised ministry as a chaplain, she provided pastoral care to patients at Grady Memorial Hospital. Before entering seminary, she had extensive public contact during six years with the City of Atlanta Police Bureau.

Clearly, her considerable familiarity with Atlanta, its people and its institutions will not be wasted in her new position; there is a growing need for compassionate volunteers of all races and faiths to become special advocates or "buddies" for individual clients. There is need for informed, responsible spokespersons whose credentials are acknowledged by their fellow congregants to counteract the fear, misinformation and misplaced hostility encouraged by the hysterical ravings of certain self-appointed holy seers. The backing and support of major segments of the religious community could also have an important impact on members of the State Legislature, who are not unresponsive to the opinions of their constituents.

It's a demanding job mentally, physically and spiritually, but Ms. Cartledge demands a lot of herself - and she'll be demanding others to put up or shut up about the meaning of compassion, it appears. If you're on her list of prospects brace yourself - and be glad. You may be about to discover qualities and abilities you didn't know you had.

-G.S.

'Donations are our lifeblood'

Atlantans who have been touched by the AIDS epidemic, either by the barrage of media reports about the disease or—more directly—by a personal loss, sometimes regret that busy workdays and near-empty bank accounts make it difficult for them to help the fight against the spread of the disease. But AID Atlanta officials say there are several ways individuals can help the agency educate the public about AIDS, as well as help AID Atlanta serve those men, women and children in Atlanta who are living with the deadly virus.

On a par with volunteering one's time, according to Ken Kimsey, director of development for AID Atlanta, is helping the agency raise the funds it needs to fuel its health care services.

Kimsey said AID Atlanta is looking to raise \$600,000 to complete its budget needs this year. Grants that have been awarded to AID Atlanta make up the lion's share of the agency's \$1.5 million budget for 1988.

AID Atlanta administers about \$700,000 of its budget to Grady Memorial Hospital and to the Visiting Nurse Association of Metropolitan Atlanta. These funds are from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the U.S. Public Health Service.

Given the rapid rise in the number of clients AID Atlanta serves, Kimsey says, the agency is always "stretched to the limit" to find new sources of income.

With a 12-person committee—co-chaired by board members Nancy Paris and Ron Cohn—Kimsey has identified several areas that concerned but busy Atlantans can contribute to. They include everything from being a politically active advocate for state and federal AIDS funding to getting your employer to instigate a charitable payroll deduction plan for agencies such as AID Atlanta.

In addition, several times throughout the coming year, Kimsey said, AID Atlanta will encourage individuals to participate in or host such events as private home parties to acquaint individuals about AID Atlanta's work. And, even local theatre performances may be held to benefit the agency.

The private gatherings in particular—whether a party for dinner or just cocktails and conversation—go a long way, Kimsey said, in helping AID Atlanta raise funds as well as awareness about the agency and the epidemic.

"Home parties are just a good way of networking," he said. "Word of mouth is always a good way to get out our message—our need for volunteers, our need for funds—because it's a friend hearing from a friend."

Kimsey said some AID Atlanta board and staff members attend the home parties to answer questions and clear up misconceptions people may have about AIDS. Even PWAs attend private home parties to represent AID Atlanta from time to time.

"It's very important to let the public see a PWA as a human being instead of just a frightening disease," he said. "They see a human being, a person, not just some far-off fear of the unknown."

Much of Kimsey's work involves corporate solicitations and writing grant proposals to charitable foundations. This is complicated and delicate work that consumes a lot of time. Less time-consuming, but every bit as valuable to AID Atlanta, are payroll deduction plans already implemented by some Atlanta-area companies.

"I wish more people would talk to their employers about this," Kimsey said. "Payroll deduction for charities is so easy. You just check it off. The

payroll department does the rest. And, I've found that people really don't miss the money deducted. In one-time increments, it isn't very much. Yet for AID Atlanta, the money really adds up throughout the year."

In some companies, he said, employees can even designate a specific agency—such as AID Atlanta or some other—for the payroll deduction.

Last year, for example, Atlanta-area federal employees gave approximately \$15,000 to AID Atlanta. "That's a big help!" he said.

"Payroll deductions are something that's proven to pay off," added Kimsey. "It's just a desirable thing for the employee, the employer and the benefiting agency."

The home parties, the payroll deduction plans, corporate and individual solicitations, grant proposals and also the agency's share of special benefits such as "Heartstrings" provide the fuel AID Atlanta requires to help the PWAs who come to it for help.

The non-profit agency has been operating this way for five years, according to Kimsey, who said it takes all of these methods together for AID Atlanta to keep up with its burgeoning caseload.

Every month, 30 or more new clients are added to AID Atlanta's caseload. As of April 1, the agency was serving 525 clients. By the end of the year, it expects to be serving at least 700 active PWAs and PWARCs.

"Charitable donations are our lifeblood," said Kimsey. "In order for us to serve our clients, to provide AIDS education to the public, we have to give a high priority to development efforts. We can't depend on any one revenue source. All of them are crucial to AID Atlanta's work."

- by Richard Bono

Groups unite to honor Mel Saxton's memory

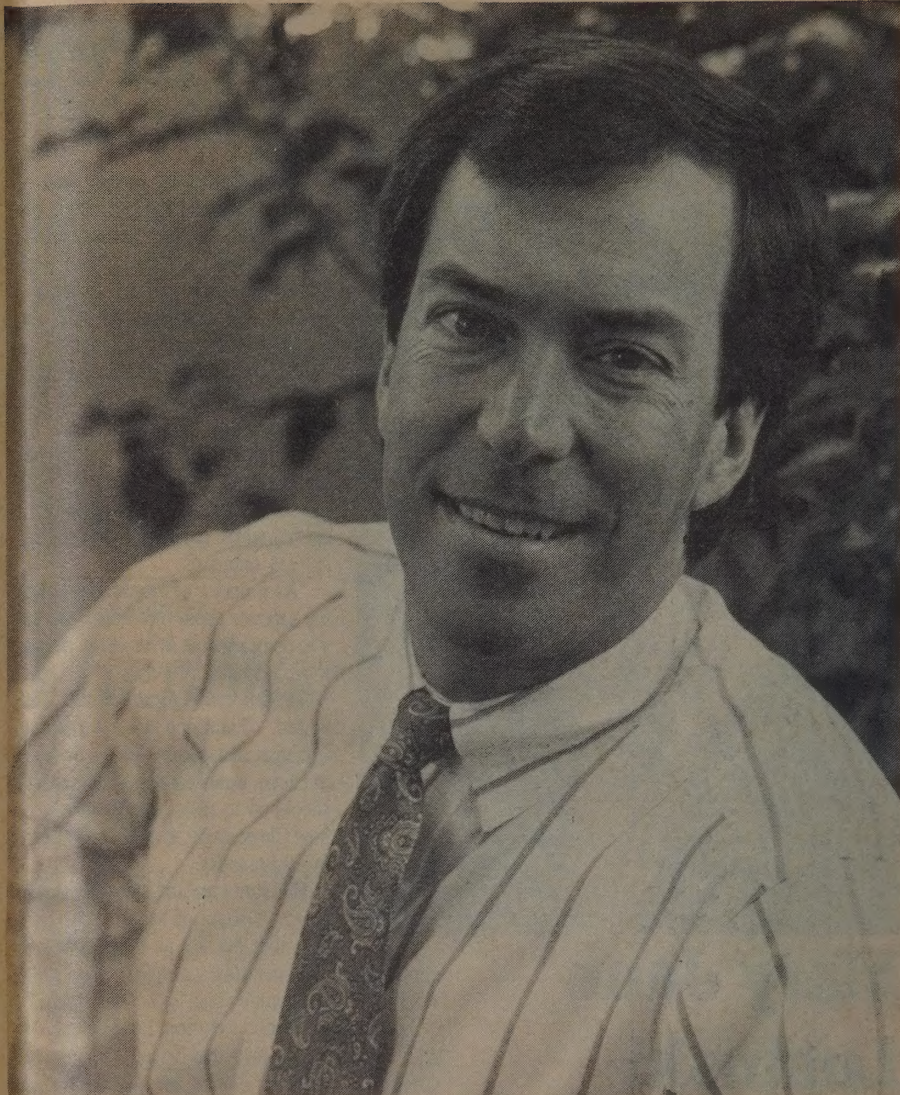
AID Atlanta will be one of several community organizations cosponsoring an invitational reception and program in June, to honor the achievements and to reaffirm the goals of Mel Saxton, former coordinator for minority clients in the agency's Social Services department. Other sponsors for the event include LIFEBOAT, a philanthropic group of black businessmen; AALGA, the African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance; and Outreach, Inc.

One purpose of the event is to create a living memorial to Mel Saxton. He died still struggling to build bridges through black institutions and organizations to reach individuals in need of the agency's services and support.

The co-sponsors are seeking the help of other community groups and institutions to expand the outreach network through which prospective clients—people in the community who have AIDS or ARC—can be guided to the resources that AID Atlanta exists to provide.

A tentative date and time have been set for the reception on June 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the evening, at a location still to be decided. Invitations will be available through the sponsoring organizations, or by mail.

Further details were still under discussion at press time. Persons interested in learning more about the event may call 874-6517 and ask for Mrs. Thomas.



'Nobody has to get AIDS'

In conversation, Wayne Nidiffer conveys the impression he could step into the newsroom of the hit movie *Broadcast News* and solve any last-minute crisis without working up a sweat. A valuable asset, considering that his job as director of Education Services for AID Atlanta is to head a team of paid and volunteer staff delivering educational services on AIDS and its prevention wherever they're invited to appear.

"Our target audience is the entire community of Atlanta," he said to me on a typically busy afternoon. "We are a non-profit, social services agency serving all of Atlanta, period." Though Nidiffer's approach to education is head-on and aggressive, his easy personal manner is appropriate: He knows he and his volunteers have good news to share.

"Right now, no one else need be infected by HIV if they will simply listen and change their behavior," he said. "We're out there every day giving people the opportunity to change their lives and avoid an infection that is unnecessary, unwanted, and unneeded. As of today there need be no new infections."

"We're also an outreach program that's very diverse. Among other things, education services consist of the agency's Information Line, which is staffed seven days a week, 12 hours a day; a speaker's bureau of 60-70 people going out in response to requests for information on AIDS education and prevention; and an outreach program to the Hispanic and Black communities, as well as to IV drug users."

"We also have a mobile van we'll be using to go to malls or bars, or wherever we're asked, to distribute literature and information on AIDS and its prevention." Numerous brochures are available, including a general one about AIDS in Spanish.

Nidiffer and his staff aren't content just to sit back and wait for calls to come in requesting speakers. "We really are trying to paint with as broad a stroke as possible," he said. "We'll begin aggressively marketing our speakers, writing to businesses, organizations and clubs, asking to be placed on their programs to speak."

In direct response to mounting evidence that HIV is entering the heterosexual community through IV drug use, AID Atlanta has identified the need for outreach to the communities most acutely affected. "One of our primary goals in 1988 was to bring on board an associate director for minority concerns," Nidiffer said, "someone with working expertise in outreach programs to Blacks, Hispanics and IV drug users. Margie Gay-Peterson, our choice for the job, will increase manifold our ability to reach out to communities that we have a real mandate to make

contact with.

"I've said many times we're going to go where this virus goes. Outreach means being aggressive in seeking out Black and Hispanic participation. We hope to effect changes and educate people prior to devastation like that suffered by the gay community while it was organizing, and AID Atlanta and other organizations around the country were being formed. We're ready to go now, so we don't need to lose that three or four years and the thousands of lives. But it's going to be tough."

AID Atlanta's Information Line is probably the most frequently used of the education services, currently averaging 1,400 phone calls per month, a figure certain to rise as the number of phone volunteers increases.

"Typical questions on the phone line revolve around HIV testing and symptoms," said Nidiffer. "But we don't just read out a list of symptoms and hang up. We talk to people and find out what's going on with them, take requests for brochures and make referrals to physicians and organizations." He is emphatic about the importance of volunteers.

"We're increasing our number of volunteers, training folks who volunteer through AIDS 101 to work our Information Line and those who want to be speakers. I'm proud of the number of volunteers we've trained to become an active part of this agency."

Nidiffer describes his personal background as like a three-legged stool: ministerial training working in churches as a Southern Baptist minister; the completion of a doctorate in adult education at the University of Georgia; and business experience training large numbers of employees at Macy's, handling budgets and the usual problems that crop up in any large business. He put aside a personal consulting business when the opportunity came open last fall for AID Atlanta to hire a director of Education Services. Friends had helped establish AID Atlanta, of which Nidiffer has been supportive in many ways over the years.

Again and again, he points out the importance of the high-caliber volunteers who share his commitment to informing everyone willing to listen about AIDS education and prevention. He sees education as the main weapon against a disease that cares not a whit about color of skin, age, gender or other such identifiers so often used to create illusory distinctions between ordinary human beings. One can only hope the pride Nidiffer takes in his staff of energetic and dedicated volunteers will find an answering resonance in the numbers of lives ahead that can be saved.

-by Terry Francis

AIDS omnibus bill could be modified before July 1, 1988

House Bill 1281, the so-called AIDS Omnibus Bill, was passed by the Georgia Senate just one day before the end of the 1988 legislative session. Sponsored by Rep. George Hooks (D. Americus) and written by the House Committee on Health and Ecology, it had passed the House of Representatives by an overwhelming vote.

Introduced into the Senate, it was referred to the Senate Committee on Human Resources. Under the direction of Sen. Ed. Hine (D. Rome), a compromise version that could more nearly satisfy the diverse and divergent views expressed by groups lobbying for and against the bill was drafted. This softened version went to the Senate, where some of the bill's more controversial provisions were restored.

The version that passed the senate included the following principal points:

- ☐ protection of confidentiality for persons being tested for HIV at clinics operated by the Department of Human Resources;
- ☐ counseling requirements for anyone receiving the HIV antibody test;
- ☐ development and mandatory distribution to marriage license applicants of an AIDS information package to be developed by the Department of Human Resources;
- ☐ requirements on courts and health officials dealing with certain HIV carriers defined as "a threat to the community";
- ☐ a program of mandatory testing of all new prison inmates beginning July 1, 1988, and testing of all prison inmates in Georgia by December, 1991;
- ☐ a definition of "felony reckless endangerment," when a person infected with HIV fails to tell a sex partner that he or she is infected.

Having passed the Senate, H.B. 1281 was signed into law on April 12 by Gov. Joe Frank Harris. As the July 1 effective date of the bill approaches, AIDS-related service and lobbyist organizations are seeking to work with the state to modify some of the

bill's more troublesome features.

Chief among the bill's opponents is the Georgia AIDS Legislative Coalition under the direction of local Atlanta political activist Maury Weill. The Coalition has expressed the view that by criminalizing AIDS, the state will encourage people both to stop getting testing for HIV and stop practicing safe sex.

At a recent meeting of the Coalition, attorney Judd Herndon expressed the fear that the bill could slow or halt HIV vaccine testing programs: if state law criminalizes contact between people who are HIV-antibody positive, then given the certainty that anyone injected with an experimental vaccine would become antibody positive, people might be afraid to volunteer for any such program. Another point of concern: the cost of testing all prison inmates for the HIV virus. According to Dr. Stosh Ostrow of Atlanta, private testing labs currently charge physicians \$95 to perform the ELISA and Western Blot HIV-antibody tests. Given the present burgeoning prison population in Georgia, the cost of such a program would be certain to place a strain on the state's budget resources.

- by Michael Saunders

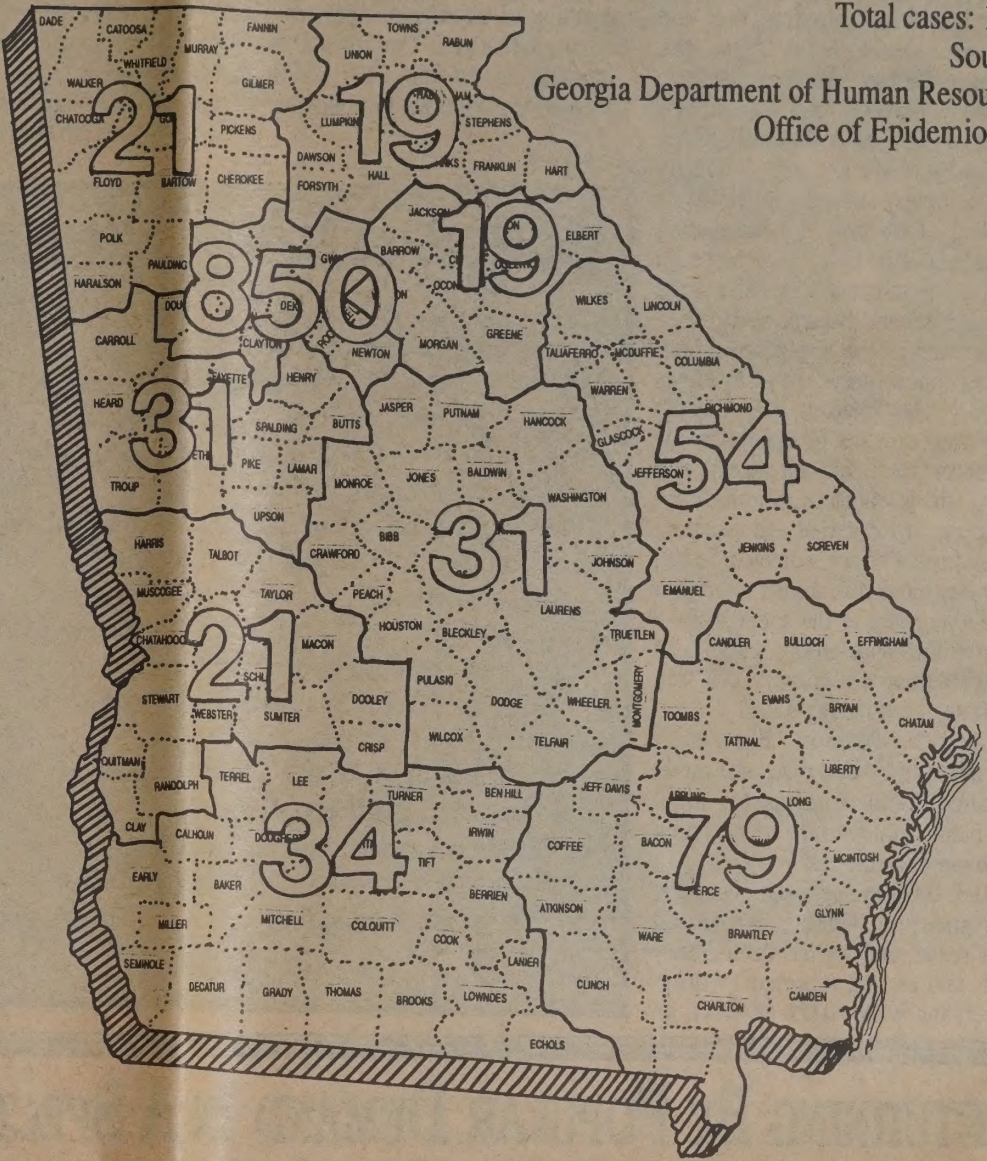
Reported cases of AIDS by district, state of Georgia

July 1, 1981 through January 31, 1988

Total cases: 1159

Source:

Georgia Department of Human Resources
Office of Epidemiology



Letter to AID Atlanta, NAPWA

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this I may already be relocated to Phoenix, Arizona. There are so many of you that I did not get to see and so much to express to you. The problem is getting what is in my heart to make sense on paper.

To AID Atlanta staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers - thank you isn't enough. When I came to you about two years ago, I was very ill, I had been abandoned by family and most friends, I was suicidal and generally a basket case. Your support groups and social workers listened to my ranting and raving until I got my head together. Your Education Department gave me the facts and information I needed to fight my own battles and to share with others. Your Social Services Department gave me support and the sense of direction I needed to be able to reach out to others with AIDS and share my hope and peace.

And finally, you all reached out to me and gave me the sense of belonging and family I so desperately needed. Working with you for the last year and a half as PWA Coordinator has been one of the most rewarding and painful experiences of my life. The decision to move to Phoenix and leave AID Atlanta has been a very difficult decision, but I am confident of your dedication and ability to continue the fight against the disease, stigma, and fear of AIDS. Please know that my heart will always be with you. God bless y'all.

My brothers and sisters with AIDS and ARC, you must know how proud I am of you and how much richer my life is for knowing each of you. You have banded together to support one another. You have

formed the National Association of PWAs/ARCs in Atlanta. You have been a voice against fear and oppression, and an inspiration to those not ready to join the fight. To those of you affectionately known as "the old-timers", I say, keep the faith: we may not win this war, but we've given one hell of a fight. Godspeed.

To those of you who have been recently diagnosed, please bear with me while I bore you with Roy's philosophy: Take advantage of the wealth of knowledge and experience of those further down the road by getting involved with support groups. Educate yourself about your illness and your options so you can make wise decisions. Get involved!! We are all in this fight together. There are many places to make a difference for yourself and for others, NAPWA, AID Atlanta, The Gay Center, etc.

Finally, one last bit of advice: there are hundreds of voices in Atlanta crying for help. If you feel yours has not been heard, yell louder!

I wish you all health and peace. I know that these few words do not fully express the love, peace and admiration I feel. It is the best I can do. If any of you are ever in Phoenix, please look me up. The Social Services Department of AID Atlanta will know how to reach me. Ya'll come!

All my love,
Roy Griffin

The Atlanta
Showing Of:

THE
NAMES
PROJECT

This national grassroots effort memorializes those people we have lost from AIDS. This monumental quilt made up of nearly 2,000 3x6 foot panels spans 2 1/2 football fields. The Atlanta showing is the only southeastern stop in the quilt's 20 city national tour.

WHERE: The World Congress Center, Downtown Atlanta, Georgia

WHEN: Memorial Day Weekend, May 29th & 30th

HOW: There are three important ways to get involved: by making a donation towards the estimated \$32,000 cost of exhibiting the quilt, as a maker of a quilt panel and as a volunteer worker during the exhibition.

☐ Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution for:

☐ \$1000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to The Names Project/Atlanta)

☐ I would like to make a memorial panel, please send me guidelines.

☐ I would like to assist with the display of the quilt on Memorial Day weekend.

☐ I am interested in Delta Airline's discounted fares available for the event's weekend.

☐ I am interested in Pierremont Plaza Hotel's discounted rates available for the event's weekend.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

You may call me at: _____

Please return to:
Names Project Atlanta, 1132 W. Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309-3624

Pilot outreach project to target Buford Highway complex

A bilingual team of outreach workers from AID Atlanta, Outreach, Inc. and STARR, the street team from the Department of Human Resources, plans to spend Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. canvassing an area of Buford Highway around the Flea Market and a nearby apartment complex, talking with residents and providing information on the increasing menace of AIDS in black and hispanic populations. The targeted area has a large proportion of black and hispanic residents.

The outreach project, essentially a pilot for others to follow, grew out of meetings between Marge Gay-Peterson, AID Atlanta's new associated director of education for minority concerns (see story on page 3), and Elena Treto, who is volunteer coordinator for outreach to the area's varied and scattered hispanic residents. The two women, who had previously met more than a year ago when both were volunteers at the agency, share common concerns since groups within both minority populations are unaware that they are at high risk of contracting AIDS.

Says Ms. Gay-Peterson, "Elena and I compared notes, and she admitted she wasn't too informed about drug abuse, and I admitted I didn't know very much about hispanic culture and customs."

The link between substance abuse and AIDS transmission, whether via shared needles or sexual activity has been clearly identified, and among reported IV-drug-related persons with AIDS (PWAs), an

alarming proportion are black or hispanic, according to information provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Other disturbing figures from CDC, reflecting the nation-wide picture, are the following:

- Only 12 per cent of the nation's population are black, but are 26 per cent of all reported AIDS cases;
- Hispanic groups account for only 6 per cent of the population, but are 14 per cent of reported AIDS cases;

- Among reported heterosexual PWAs; 82 per cent are either black (68 per cent) or hispanic (14 per cent);
- Of all children with AIDS, 77 per cent of the cases reported are either black (54 per cent) or hispanic (23 per cent);
- Of American women with AIDS, 53 per cent of the cases reported are black women, 18 per cent are hispanic.

Board names Elena Treto

The board of directors of AID Atlanta has a new member. She is Elena Treto, Cuban-born, bilingually educated, active in Atlanta community affairs. No stranger to staff and volunteers, she is recognized both from her "AIDS 101" presentations and as a practical support team coworker. Her major contribution, however, has been via her outreach efforts to Atlanta's diverse and widely scattered Spanish-speaking populations.

An accredited translator, she is current vice president of the Atlanta Association of Interpreters and Translators and a member of the American Translators Association. In addition to working in the international department of Troutman, Sanders, Lockerman & Ashmore, she is a freelance translator of legal and technical documents. She is the present director of the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta, and a past chairperson of the chamber's international affairs committee.

Previously married and the mother of four children, she enjoys reading, travel, and skiing.

During the week before the team's target date of May 14, plans are being made to distribute flyers and to ask permission to post notices in Spanish and in English to let resident know the purpose of the visit. Efforts will also be made to get the news out through hispanic and black-oriented news media.

The canvassers plan to set up a central information center near the Flea Market, with brochures in Spanish and in English and details for obtaining further information. The outreach team members, most of them volunteers, will include recovering substance abusers, teachers, social workers, a nun and representatives of various other faiths.

Final plans for the pilot event will be ironed out at a group meeting on Thursday, May 5 at 6 p.m. in the headquarters of AID Atlanta, corner of West Peachtree and 13th Streets. Others interested in submitting ideas or taking part in the outreach program will be welcome. For details, call 872-0600 and ask for Margie Gay-Peterson.

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Panel makers flock to the 'quilting bees'

On Tuesday nights at a fabric store on Cheshire Bridge Road, or on Sunday afternoons at AID Atlanta, friendly people are on hand to help you design and make a 3-foot by 6-foot memorial panel to add to those already made right here in Atlanta, to commemorate someone loved, someone taken from us by AIDS.

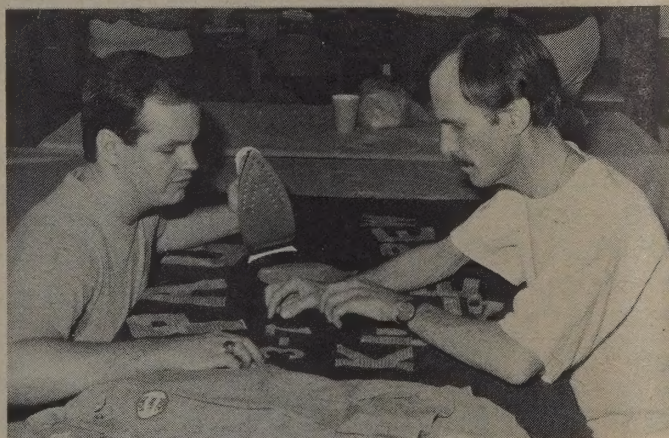
There are lots of ways to carry out a design idea, ranging from spray paint to applique, and including collage, painting, drawing, stenciling, embroidering, and more. Whatever you are comfortable doing can make a suitable remembrance, and you only have to make sure the size is right and that it's durable for it to be included in the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt, together with thousands of other such reminders that, although AIDS can take lives, it cannot destroy love.



On Tuesday nights from seven until ten o'clock, people gather at Atlanta Custom Quilted Bedspreads, 1758 Cheshire Bridge Road. (That's where it meets Piedmont, and the store is tucked between Ursula's Cooking School and Madam Bell, the palm reader.) They have fabric,

but bring your own scissors and anything special you want to work into your memorial panel.

If Sunday afternoons are a better time for you, another group of panel makers gets together from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at



AID Atlanta, 1132 West Peachtree St., entering through the side

entrance just around the corner on 13th Street. They don't have fabric on hand here, so bring your own, along with any ideas and special materials.

At both places, people are helpful and friendly, and glad to get you started and see you

through to your finished panel. There is no charge for helping, and the time to get started is right away, because the Atlanta exhibit of the NAMES project Memorial Quilt at the Georgia World Congress Center will be on May 29 and 30, the weekend of Memorial

Day.

Call 872-0600 for more information about the memorial panel quilting bees. All panels must be completed and turned in to AID Atlanta by May 6 in order to be displayed at the World Congress Center.

12 religious leaders to offer interfaith AIDS observance

Clergy or other officials representing at least a dozen Atlanta churches, synagogues and other institutions of faith have agreed to serve as participants in an AIDS interfaith service, to take place Sunday, May 29, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia World Congress Center. The ceremony, to be offered in conjunction with the visit to Atlanta of the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt, is being coordinated by the Rev. Kathryn Cartledge, director of pastoral services at AID Atlanta.

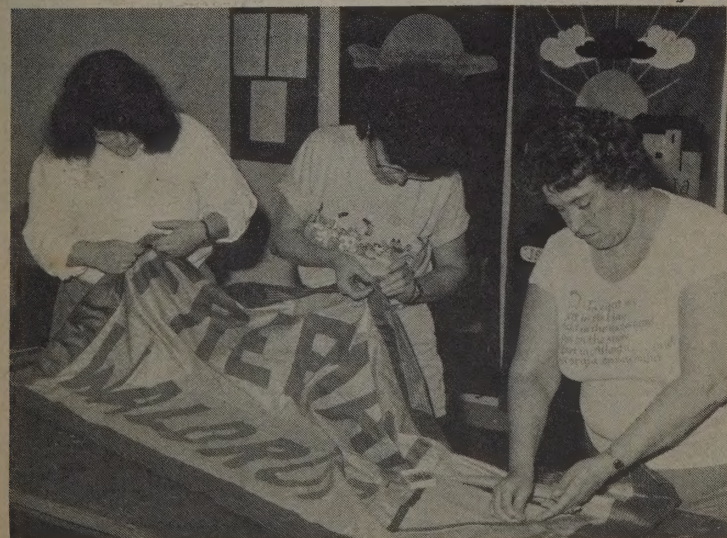
Each representative will present a portion of the service, which is to be divided into sections. Those participating, in addition to Ms. Cartledge, are listed below, alphabetically by name:

- Rev. Joe Chancey, Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Father Allan Dillman, Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- Sherry Emory, president, Congregation Bet Haverim
- Rabbi Phil Krantz, The Temple
- Rev. Chuck Larsen, First Metropolitan Community Church, Atlanta
- Rev. Tim McDonald, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- Rev. Pat Merchant, St Luke's Episcopal Church
- Mary Moore, Metropolitan Community Church
- Rev. Joan Pritcher, Northside Baptist Church
- Rev. Richard Schaper, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
- Rev. Kennedy Shultz, Atlanta Church of Religious Science
- Rev. McKinley Young, Big Bethel A.M.E. Church

Ms. Cartledge's responsibilities at the agency include not only pastoral care of staff and clients on demand, but also leading more Atlanta congregation members into volunteer services of various kinds with AID Atlanta. In addition to the NAMES Project service, she is presently preparing an AIDS workshop specifically tailored for clergy and certain interested lay persons, to be offered Tuesday, June 5, from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Temple, 1589 Peachtree St., N.W.

Featured on that program will be a panel presentation including an overview of AIDS from its medical, psychological, pastoral care and theological perspectives. A registration fee of \$35 (\$15 for students) includes the evening meal.

Religious leaders interested in further information about either event are invited to call 872-0600 and ask for Pastoral Services.



'Heartstrings' fund awards \$200,000 to AID Atlanta

It's official – or it will be by the time you receive your copy of *The Journal*: Yes, those advance reports were factual, and AID Atlanta is slated to receive \$200,000, a major chunk of the available grant monies from the Heartstrings Fund of the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation.

Although news stories released by other grant beneficiaries have referred to AID Atlanta as the major recipient, agency policy makers decided to wait until the Heartstrings board chose to issue its own release, before making any statements of their own.

Under the terms of the grant, services to clients, including housing, are allocated \$110,000, with \$60,000 going to AIDS prevention and education programs, and the remainder, or \$30,000, available for administrative costs and resource development. Included in the \$60,000 earmarked for PWA housing is money to hire a housing coordinator, to be responsible for details such as leases, repair and maintenance heretofore juggled along with myriad other responsibilities

State Funding: A Milestone

The Georgia Legislature's appropriation this year of \$100,000 in state funding for AID Atlanta is generally accorded symbolic significance far more important than its relatively modest size: It means that the achievements of the Five-year-old, community-based agency are now officially recognized by its parent state. That fact alone will smooth the path considerably, as expanding case loads and expiration of "seed money" grants necessitate the development of alternative sources of major income. Some of the agency's programs of direct services – specifically the AIDS Health Services Program (AHSP) it administers in cooperation with Grady Memorial Hospital and the Visiting Nurses Association of Metropolitan Atlanta – rely on non-renewable grants that will run out in three years.

The \$100,000 appropriated this year will become available on July 1. Two case managers and a volunteer coordinator position will be funded, starting on that date, with a third case manager's position to be funded from January 1, 1989 and a fourth, from April 1, 1989. In addition, \$5,000 is earmarked for development of an education module designed to facilitate exporting the AHSP concept to Savannah and Augusta.

by the case managers and designated volunteers.

In the natural course of events, according to Buren Batson, executive director of the agency, "much of the (Heartstrings) funds will flow into and

help support the AIDS Health Services Program (AHSP) that we administer with the cooperation of Grady (Memorial Hospital) and the VNA (Visiting Nurses Association of Metropolitan Atlanta)."

AHSP is presently funded by grants

from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the United States Health Services. All clients of AID Atlanta are eligible for the program, under which medical and nursing services are subcontracted through AID Atlanta as administrator, and professionally provided by Grady and the VNA.

For its part, AID Atlanta provides a battery of client services to these same clients under its integrated case management system – services designed to enable clients to live in home surroundings, with back-up support as needed, when they do not need to be hospitalized.

It is conservatively estimated, Batson said, that the AHSP approach, if applied to anticipated caseloads of Georgians eventually rendered indigent by AIDS and ARC, could save the state roughly 65 per cent of the cost of public hospital and welfare care, at the same time providing more humanely for the individual clients so served.

Up to the minute

These stories broke too late to make the Page 1 Index, but were too good to miss:

"Heartstrings" and the state of Georgia give the go-ahead to announce grant amounts. See this page.

AID Atlanta networks with others to launch pilot AIDS outreach project. See page 6.

Leaders from a dozen Atlanta houses of worship have roles in NAMES project interfaith service coordinated by Rev. Kathryn Cartledge, our Pastoral Services director. See page 7.

Quilting bees are helping Atlantans who can't even sew to make memorial panels in tribute to friends and loved ones lost to AIDS. See page 7.

Buyer's Club Forming

Atlanta Alternatives-Buyers Club, a group plan for obtaining bulk orders at reduced cost of certain alternative products of possible interest to PWAs, is being formed, and additional participants are welcome, according to Gregg Allison, club spokesman. Current products being considered are

AL-721 and German enzymes, but others are also possible, he said. For details, call 233-0083 and ask for Gregg.

AIDS Awareness & Action Weekend

June 11 & 12, 1988

Georgia Mental Health Institute
1256 Briarcliff Road, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30306

General Information

Georgia Mental Health Institute, 1256 Briarcliff Road, is in northeast Atlanta near Emory University. It is easily reached from the interstate highways, and is two miles north of the Briarcliff/Ponce de Leon intersection.

Volunteer Host and signs will direct you to the meeting place.

Lunch both days will be in the GMHI cafeteria at a modest cost of \$2.00 or less per person. The agenda includes luncheon programs. You may feel free to bring your own lunch. Coffee and soft drink breaks will be provided.

All weekend activities are important. Please arrange to stay for both entire days.

Agenda 9-5 Both Days

Continental Breakfast and Registration begin at 8:30 each morning.

A detailed agenda will be enclosed in your packet on the first morning of the weekend. The following topics are proposed:

- AIDS Medical Update
- Psychosocial Aspects of the Epidemic

- Available Social and Educational Services
- Pastoral Services and Concerns
- Presentations by People With AIDS, ARC, and HIV Infection
- Citizens Responses to the Epidemic
- Volunteering with AID Atlanta
 - Reports from current volunteers
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - How to become a volunteer
- Job Fair
- Meeting the Board
- Special Interest Small Group Sessions
 - Wellness, Spiritual Issues, Medical Details, Death and Dying, Black and Hispanic Education, Outreach to Needle Users, Outreach to Youth, Legal Concerns.

Registration Confirmation

You will not receive a confirmation letter for your registration, but you can call (404) 872-0600 to confirm during the week preceding your selected weekend workshop. LATE REGISTRATION MUST BE VERIFIED by phone to the office and will be available as space permits.

Join with people from all walks of life who are becoming a part of the compassionate response to the epidemic of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Invest yourself in a weekend that can change your point of view.

AIDS Awareness and Action Weekend Registration

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 8, 1988

- ☐ I have enclosed \$30 registration fee.
(Reservations will not be confirmed without prepayment.)
- ☐ I have enclosed \$_____ to provide scholarships for others.
- ☐ I have enclosed \$_____ to continue the work of AID Atlanta.

NAME _____ DATE _____
PHONE(S) HOME _____ OFFICE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
OCCUPATION/PROFESSION _____

Detach and Mail to: AIDS Awareness Weekend, AID Atlanta, 1132 W. Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA 30309